World Bank Loans for National Highways Development Programme

1346. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been assured for a loan of Rs. 20,000 crore from the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank for part-financing the Rs. 54,000 crore National Highways Development Programme;

(b) if so, what are the other steps being taken to meet the rest of the amount;

(c) the amount spent so far for development of roads on National Highways;

(d) the projects Government have undertaken so far; and

(e) by when these are likely to be completed?"

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI) (a) and (b) Government propose to raise resources of Rs. 20,000 crore from external funding. World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB) have been financing the projects. So far, two loans from World Bank of US$ 516 million and US$ 589 million have been signed. ADB has already provided a loan of US$ 180 million and another US$ 240 million is under negotiation. Thus total financing of US$ 1525 million, roughly equivalent to Rs. 7,200 crore has been firmed up so far. Further discussions and negotiations with external agencies are part of a continuous process.

(c) An amount of Rs. 3,500 crore has so far been spent on the National Highways Development Project and other projects implemented by National Highways Authority of India.

(d) Total 99 contracts of value of Rs. 11,328 crore are in progress at present.

(e) Golden Quadrilateral component is targetted for completion

by December, 2003 and North-South & East-West Corridors by December, 2007.

Construction of New Roads

1347. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to construct new roads and widen the exisitng highways;

(b) if so, the details for the current year and for the next Five Year Plan period;

(c) the amount likely to be spent during the current year and the next Five Year Plan, separately; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure timely completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI) (a) This Ministry is mainly responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways. The development of National Highways including widening is a continuous process and improvement works are taken up in phases depending upon the availability of funds.

(b) Government has taken up National Highway Development Project (NHDP) for 4/6 laning of 13252 Km length comprising of Golden Quadrilateral and North-South and East-West corridors. These Projects are targetted for completion by December, 2003 and 2007 respectively. In addition, the Annual Plan for 2001-2002 provides for widening to 2 lanes of about 1100 km of National Highways. The programme for National Highways other than NHDP for the next Five Year Plan period is yet to be finalised.

(c) During the current year an amount of Rs. 6500 crore is proposed to be spent on development of National Highways including NHDP. An amount of Rs. 50,000 crore is proposed to be spent on NHDP during the next five years. Since the Tenth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised it is not possible to indicate the